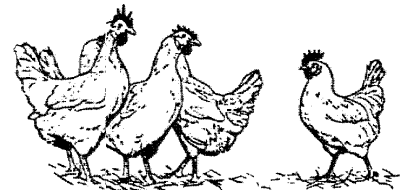


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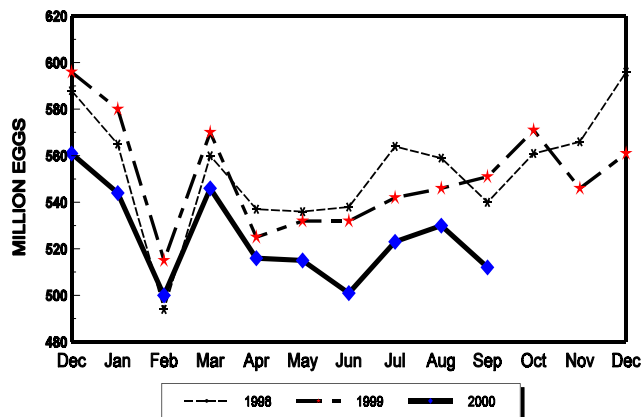
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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during September totaled 512 million, 18.0 million less than last month and 39.0 million less than last September. The average number of layers during the month totaled 23.8 million, fractionally the same as last month, but 1.58 million below September 1999. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,150 compared to 2,243 last month and 2,170 in September 1999.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1998-2000

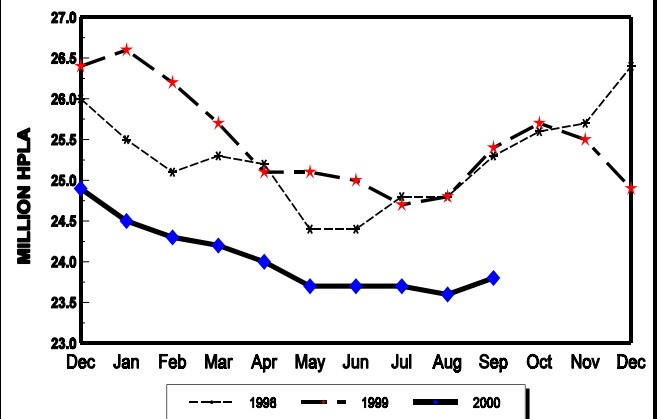


U.S. SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 6.84 billion during September 2000, down slightly from the 6.86 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.80 billion table eggs and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 973 million were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2000 averaged 325 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during September 1999. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,101 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,128 eggs in September 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2000, totaled 326 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 326 million layers consisted of 270 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.67 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2000, averaged 69.2 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from the 70.6 a year ago.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF HPLA, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING SEPTEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF OCTOBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,711	10,310	1,858	1,872	199	193	2.5	0.5	12.0	11.5
Arkansas	15,205	15,016	1,907	1,871	290	281	1.5	5.0	10.0	10.0
California	25,396	23,812	2,170	2,150	551	512	6.5	6.0	41.5	38.5
Georgia	20,689	20,359	2,020	1,979	418	403	3.5	7.0	17.0	21.5
Indiana	21,955	22,490	2,200	2,170	483	488	3.0	5.0	27.0	25.5
Iowa	26,258	27,640	2,236	2,178	587	602	5.5	5.5	31.0	27.0
North Carolina	10,929	10,877	1,894	1,793	207	195	3.0	1.0	8.0	9.0
Ohio	30,739	30,671	2,193	2,158	674	662	2.0	12.0	13.5	16.0
Pennsylvania	22,477	23,908	2,251	2,213	506	529	5.5	6.0	22.0	17.0
Texas	17,169	17,490	2,114	2,041	363	357	5.5	7.5	24.5	17.5
UNITED STATES	322,394	325,477	2,128	2,101	6,860	6,837	4.2	5.7	22.8	22.5

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The September 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 705 million, was up 1 percent from September of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 587 million eggs on October 1, 2000, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.47 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2000. This was down 6 percent from September 1999.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER

State	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	91,375	98,984	108
Arkansas	103,253	104,416	101
Delaware	16,111	13,355	87
Florida	9,089	9,016	99
Georgia	104,109	104,162	100
Maryland	28,059	27,235	97
Mississippi	60,951	63,315	104
North Carolina	60,507	59,801	99
Pennsylvania	12,357	11,576	94
South Carolina	15,937	15,899	100
Texas	46,322	50,630	109
Virginia	22,775	22,416	98
California, West Virginia & Tennessee	38,903	36,894	95
Other States ^{1/}	91,104	87,202	96
UNITED STATES	700,016	704,901	101

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 36.3 million, down 8 percent from September 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 32 million on October 1, 2000, down 10 percent from a year ago.

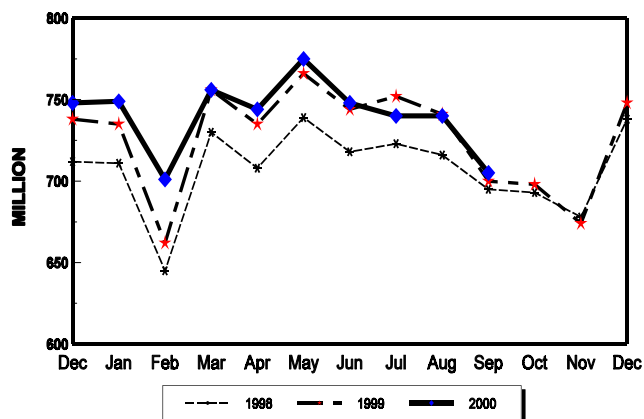
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 277 thousand during September 2000. This was up 22 percent from September 1999.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER

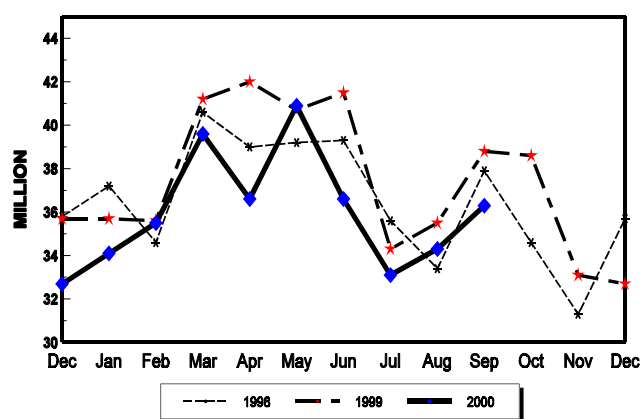
State	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	908	882	97
Florida	1,156	911	79
Georgia	1,811	2,220	123
Indiana	7,288	6,792	93
Iowa	4,901	4,415	90
Kansas	267	247	93
Minnesota	1,716	1,540	90
Missouri	315	315	100
Pennsylvania	5,329	5,700	107
Other States ^{1/}	15,596	13,268	85
UNITED STATES	39,287	36,290	92

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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, OCTOBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	2000/1999
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,153	11,123	100	6,793	5,537	82
East North Central	8,308	7,399	89	9,210	7,921	86
West North Central	19,457	18,532	95	6,405	6,815	106
South Atlantic	219,230	220,094	100	3,103	3,327	107
South Central	306,976	309,261	101	4,529	3,771	83
West	22,453	20,178	90	5,268	4,519	86
UNITED STATES	587,577	586,587	100	35,308	31,890	90

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average September prices received by California producers, when compared to August average prices, increased two cents per pound for live turkeys. Prices for market eggs decreased 10.0 cents per dozen from last month.

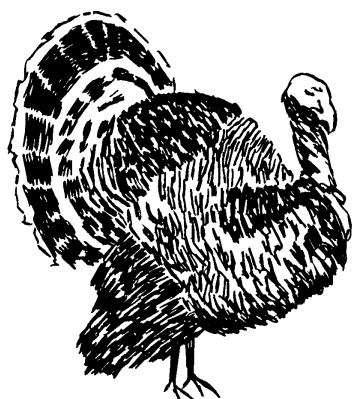
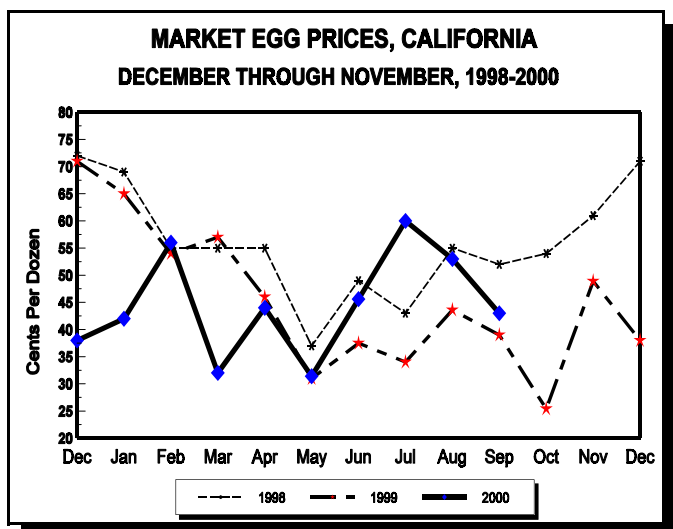
Nationally, the September average prices received by producers increased 4.0 cents per pound for broilers, while turkey prices increased 1.6 cents per pound. Market eggs decreased 8.9 cents per dozen.

**POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES
RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/**

Commodity	Unit	Sept. 1999	Aug. 15, 2000	Sept. 15, 2000
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs <u>2</u> /	Doz.	39.0	53.0	43.0
Turkeys	Lb.	46.0	48.0	50.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	35.9	35.0	39.0
Market Eggs <u>2</u> /	Doz.	39.6	50.7	41.8
Turkeys	Lb.	44.3	42.9	44.5

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

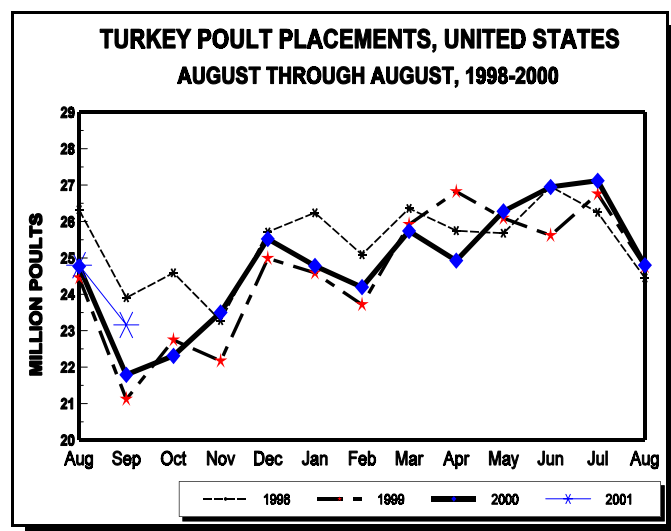
Turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 2000 in the United States totaled 30.1 million, up 7 percent from October 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the September 1 total of 30.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 3 percent; West North Central, up 4 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 9 percent; South Central, up 5 percent; West, up 19 percent.

The 23.2 million poult placed during September 2000 in the United States were up 6 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 7 percent from the August total of 24.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up slightly; West North Central, up 9 percent; North and South Atlantic, up slightly; South Central, up 5 percent; West, up 36 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators October 1		2000 1999	Poults Placed during Sept. 1/		2000 1999
	1999	2000		1999	2000	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,670	4,829	103	3,237	3,240	100
W N Central	9,475	9,851	104	7,430	8,084	109
N&S Atlantic	8,791	9,594	109	7,136	7,159	100
S Central	3,126	3,275	105	2,430	2,546	105
West	2,116	2,512	119	1,561	2,129	136
U.S.	28,178	30,061	107	21,794	23,158	106

1/ Excludes exported poults.



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/ 2/

Month	Total All Breeds		00-01 99-00	Cumulative Total		00-01 99-00
	1999-00	2000-01		1999-00	2000-01	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	21,794	23,158	106	21,794	23,158	106
Oct.	22,313			44,107		
Nov.	23,379			67,486		
Dec.	24,358			91,844		
Jan.	24,676			116,520		
Feb.	24,197			140,717		
Mar.	25,741			166,458		
Apr.	25,094			191,552		
May	26,277			217,829		
June	26,975			244,804		
July	27,122			271,926		
Aug.	24,807			296,733		

1/ Data for 1999-00 includes revisions published in "Hatchery Production 1999 Summary."

2/ Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	September 1999	August 2000 <u>1/</u>	September 2000	Sept. 2000 Sept. 1999	Sept. 2000 Aug. 2000
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	113,574	78,100	89,846	79	115
Chickens	Lbs.	45,952	46,834	43,097	94	92
Ducks	Lbs.	456	131	150	33	115
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	159,982	125,065	133,093	83	106
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	---	---	---	---	---
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	596,358	524,771	529,391	89	101
Chickens	Lbs.	894,615	808,441	818,682	92	101
Ducks	Lbs.	5,990	5,110	5,733	96	112
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,496,963	1,338,322	1,353,806	90	101
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	9,482	14,911	14,421	152	97

^{1/} Revised.